

# Region 7 Environmental Permits

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## Freshwater Wetlands Permit Program: Do I Need A Permit?

### Regulated Activities:

Under the Freshwater Wetlands Act, DEC regulates activities in freshwater wetlands and in their adjacent areas. DEC regulates such activities to prevent, or at least to minimize, impairment of wetland functions.

The wetland categories used in the regulations are identified by the types of vegetation present. The regulations identify

- classifications of uses
- procedures for conducting activities in wetlands

- requirements for conducting activities in wetlands

Almost any activity which may adversely impact the natural values of the wetlands or their adjacent areas is regulated. Some activities requiring a permit include:

- **Construction of buildings**, roadways, septic systems, bulkheads, dikes, or dams;
- Placement of fill, excavation, or grading;
- Modification, expansion, or extensive restoration of existing structures;
- Drainage, except for agriculture;
- Application of pesticides in wetlands.